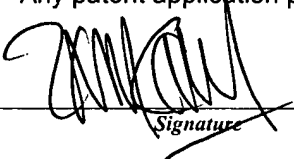


<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>			Docket No. BS99-010		
Applicant(s): KNOERLE et al.					
Serial No. 09/383,145	Filing Date August 26, 1999	Examiner Le, Karen L.	Group Art Unit 2642		
Invention: <b>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRESERVING SERVICE NODE RESOURCES AND REDUCING CLIPPING EFFECT</b>					
<p>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>
<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1390 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</div></div>					
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11, 31, and 39 as shown in the attached sheets.